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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTION  
TALKS

DEPT PLEASE PASS SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE

REF: STATE 211141

1. MISSION NOTES THAT NUMBER OF ELEMENTS IN REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS  
CONSTITUTE MAJOR CHANGES IN STANDING U.S. INSTRUCTIONS FOR MBFR  
NEGOTIATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY A DEPARTURE FROM THE AGREED ALLIANCE  
APPROACH CONTAINED IN CM(73)83. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PRESENT  
THESE ELEMENTS TO THE NAC AT AN EARLY DATE IN ORDER TO ENSURE  
FULL COORDINATION WITHIN ALLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CM(73)83  
AND TO EXPEDITE ALLIED AGREEMENT THAT WILL ENABLE U.S. MBFR DEL  
TO CARRY FORWARD PRESENTATION TO THE EAST THROUGH AD HOC GROUP.

2. MISSION THEREFORE PLANS TO RAISE NEW MBFR GUIDANCE CONTAINED  
IN REFTEL IN PERMREP LUNCH NEXT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1. THEN, AT OCTOBER  
2 NAC WE PLAN TO TABLE U.S. PROPOSALS FOR REVISIONS IN THE ALLIED  
MBFR NEGOTIATING POSITION. WE SHALL URGE THAT NAC DIRECT THE SPC  
TO STUDY AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND WHERE APPROPRIATE TO DRAFT  
GUIDANCE TO THE HAG FOR NAC CONSIDERATION. SPC, IT WILL BE RECALLED,  
ALREADY HAS A MANDATE TO ATTEMPT TO DRAFT GUIDANCE ON SOME OF THESE  
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ISSUES, IN VIEW OF NAC REFERRAL TO THE SPC OF AHG QUESTIONS  
IN MBFR VIENNA 199.

3. IN ORDER TO MOVE THE U.S. PROPOSALS QUICKLY WE

NEED FROM WASHINGTON APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION, I.E.,  
RATIONALE AND JUSTIFICATION FOR REVISIONS, SUPPORTING DATA  
AND INFORMATION, AND Q'S AND A'S. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO  
HAVE THIS IN TIME FOR OUR MEETING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 WHEN  
AMBASSADOR RESOR AND HIS VIENNA TEAM CONFER WITH USNATO HERE AT  
BRUSSELS.

4. MISSION ALSO NEEDS GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON ON PRIORITY IT  
ATTACHES TO VARIOUS REVISIONS PROPOSED AND THE TIME  
FRAME IT ENVISAGES FOR ALLIED ACCEPTANCE OF THEM.

5. SOME INDICATION AS TO HOW MUCH CONSULTATION, IF ANY,  
HAS TAKEN PLACE WITH UK, FRG AND OTHER ALLIES ON THE NEW INSTRUCTIONS

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WOULD ALSO BE MOST WELCOME.

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